Claims

1. A computerized system for converting selected text between languages, comprising:

    a language system for designating a source language and a destination

5 language;

    a dictionary system for accessing a language dictionary corresponding to

the designated source language and destination language; and

    a translation system for translating selected text between the source

language and the destination language based upon the language dictionary.

10 2. The system of claim 1, further comprising an update system for updating the

language dictionary based on an update schedule.

3. The system of claim 1, further comprising a pronunciation system for

pronouncing the selected text based upon the language dictionary.

4. The system of claim 3, wherein the selected text is pronounced in the

15 destination language.

5. The system of claim 1, further comprising a key system for designating a

keystroke for selecting displayed text.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the language dictionary is downloaded from a remote source and is stored locally.

7. The system of claim 1, further comprising a reference system for referencing previously selected text.

5 8. The system of claim 1, wherein the selected text is translated from the source language to the destination language.

9. A computerized system for converting selected text between languages, comprising:

   a language system for designating a source language and a destination language;

5   a dictionary system for retrieving a language dictionary corresponding to the designated source language and destination language from a remote source;

   a key system for designating a keystroke for selecting displayed text;

   a translation system for translating the selected text from the source language to the destination language based upon the language dictionary;

10   a pronunciation system for pronouncing the selected text in the destination language based upon the language dictionary; and

   an update system for updating the retrieved language dictionary.

10. The system of claim 9, further comprising a reference system for referencing previously selected text.

15 11. The system of claim 9, wherein the update system updates the language dictionary based on a designated language schedule.

12. A computerized method for converting selected text between languages, comprising:

   providing an interface for designating a source language and a destination language;

5   accessing a language dictionary corresponding to the designated source language and destination language;

   selecting displayed text using a predefined keystroke; and

   translating the selected text between the source language and the destination language based on the language dictionary.

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13. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of providing an interface for designating a keystroke for selecting displayed text, prior to the selecting step.

14. The method of claim 12, wherein the accessing step comprises downloading a

15 language dictionary corresponding to the designated source language and destination language from a remote source.

15. The method of claim 12, wherein the translating step comprises translating the selected text from the source language to the destination language based on the language dictionary.

20 16. The method of claim 12, further comprising pronouncing the selected text in the destination language based on the translation dictionary.

17. The method of claim 12, further comprising referencing previously selected

text.

18. The method of claim 12, further comprising updating the language dictionary.

19. The method of claim 18, further comprising providing an interface for

5 designating an update schedule for updating the language dictionary.

20. A program product stored on a recordable medium for converting selected text

between languages, which when executed, comprises:

program code for designating a source language and a destination

language;

5   program code for accessing a language dictionary corresponding to the

designated source language and destination language; and

program code for translating selected text between the source language

and the destination language.

10 21. The program product of claim 20, further comprising a pronunciation system

for pronouncing the selected text based upon the language dictionary.

22. The program product of claim 20, further comprising a key system for

designating a keystroke for selecting displayed text.

23. The program product of claim 20, wherein the language dictionary is

15 downloaded from a remote source.

24. The program product of claim 20, further comprising a reference system for

referencing previously selected text.

25. The program product of claim 20, further comprising program code for updating the language dictionary.

26. The program product of claim 25, further comprising program code for designating an update schedule for updating the language dictionary.